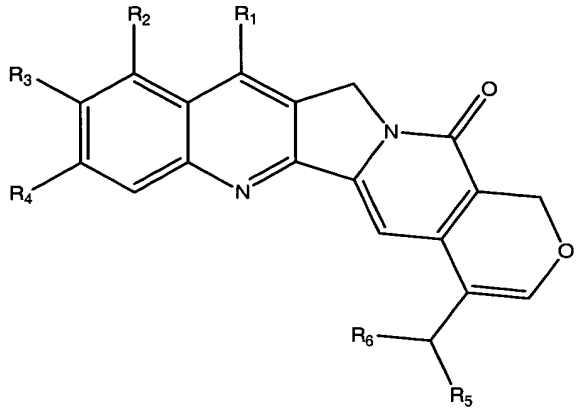
2. (Twice amended) A compound of Formula (II):



(II)

wherein:

R_1 and R_2 is selected from hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl, or (– $CH_2NR_7R_8$), wherein:

i) R_7 and R_8, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, or lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl; or

ii) R_7 represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, or lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, and R_8 represents $–COR_9$,

wherein:

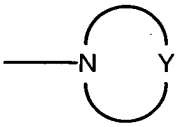
R_9 represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl; or

iii) R_7 represents hydrogen or $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl; and R_8 represents diphenyl-methyl or – $(CH_2)_t$ Ar

wherein:

t is 0 to 5 and Ar represents phenyl, furyl, pyridyl, N-methylpyrrolyl, imidazolyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, methyl, halogen, and amino; or

iv) R_7 and R_8 taken together with the linking nitrogen form a saturated 3 to 7 atom heterocyclic group of formula (IA)



(IA)

wherein:

Y represents O, S, SO, SO_2, CH_2 or NR_{10},

wherein:

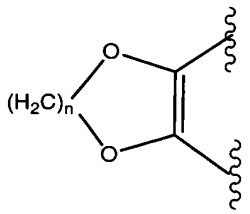
R_{10} represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl amino, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl groups or – COR_{11},

wherein:

R_{11} represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl groups;

R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl; or

R_3 and R_4 taken together form a saturated 5 to 6 atom heterocyclic group of formula (IB)



(IB)

wherein,

n represents the integer 1 or 2; or

R_3 represents $-OCONR_{12}R_{13}$,

wherein,

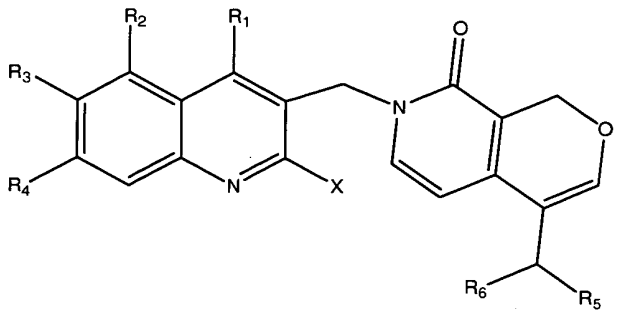
R_{12} and R_{13}, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, or R_{12} and R_{13} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded form a heterocyclic ring which may be interrupted with –O–, –S– and/or $-N-R_{14}$ in which R_{14} is hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

R_5 represents hydrogen or alkyl; and

R_6 represents hydrogen or alkyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Amended) A compound of formula (IV):



(IV)

wherein:

X represents triflate or halo;

R_1 and R_2, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8)alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl, or (– $CH_2NR_7R_8$), wherein:

i) R_7 and R_8, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl; or

ii) R_7 represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, and R_8 represents –COR_9,

wherein:

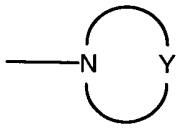
R_9 represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, perhalo-(C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl; or

iii) R_7 represents hydrogen or (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and R_8 represents diphenyl-methyl or -$(CH_2)_t$Ar

wherein:

t is 0 to 5 and Ar represents phenyl, furyl, pyridyl, N-methylpyrrolyl, imidazolyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, methyl, halogen, and amino; or

iv) R_7 and R_8 taken together with the linking nitrogen form a saturated 3 to 7 atom heterocyclic group of formula (IA)



(IA)

wherein:

Y represents O, S, SO, SO_2, CH_2 or NR_{10},

wherein:

R_{10} represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, perhalo (C_1-C_8) alkyl, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, (C_1-C_8) alkyl amino, perhalo-(C_1-C_8) alkyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl groups or – COR_{11},

wherein:

R_{11} represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, perhalo-(C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from (C_1-C_8) alkyl, perhalo-(C_1-C_8) alkyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl groups;

R_3 represents –$OCONR_{12}R_{13}$,

wherein,

R_{12} and R_{13}, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, or R_{12} and R_{13} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded form a heterocyclic ring which may be interrupted with –O–, –S– and/or –N-R_{14} in which R_{14} is hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

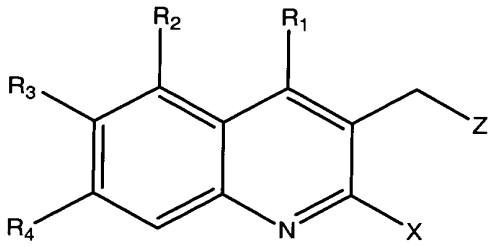
R_4 is selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl;

R_5 represents hydrogen or alkyl; and

R_6 represents hydrogen or alkyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (New) A compound of Formula (V):



(V)

wherein:

R_1 and R_2 is selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl, or (– $CH_2NR_7R_8$), wherein:

i) R_7 and R_8, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl; or

ii) R_7 represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, and R_8 represents –COR_9,

wherein:

R_9 represents hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, perhalo-(C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy (C_1-C_8) alkyl; or

iii) R_7 represents hydrogen or (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and R_8 represents diphenyl-methyl or – $(CH_2)_t$ Ar

wherein:

t is 0 to 5 and Ar represents phenyl, furyl, pyridyl, N-methylpyrrolyl, imidazolyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected

from hydroxy, methyl, halogen, and amino; or

iv) R_7 and R_8 taken together with the linking nitrogen form a saturated 3 to 7 atom heterocyclic group of formula (IA)

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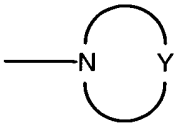


wherein:

Y represents O, S, SO, SO_2, CH_2 or NR_{10},

wherein:

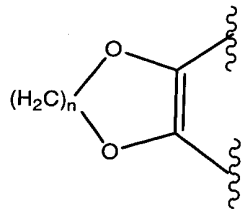
R_{10} represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl amino, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl groups or – COR_{11},

wherein:

R_{11} represents hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, aryl substituted with one or more substituents selected from $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, perhalo-$(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkoxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl groups;

R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy $(C_1$-$C_8)$ alkyl, or alkoxy alkyl; or

R_3 and R_4 taken together form a saturated 5 to 6 atom heterocyclic group of formula (IB)



(IB)

wherein,

n represents the integer 1 or 2; or

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wherein,

R_{12} and R_{13}, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, or R_{12} and R_{13} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded form a heterocyclic ring which may be interrupted with –O–, –S– and/or $-N-R_{14}$ in which R_{14} is hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

R_5 represents hydrogen or alkyl; and

R_6 represents hydrogen or alkyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

X represents triflate, chloro-, bromo-, or iodo-; and

Z represents chloro-, bromo-, iodo- or OR_{15} ;

wherein R_{15} represents hydrogen, triflate, mesylate or tosylate.